

I will take up no more of your time now. I cannot go with the L. any longer - unless it is totally changed - But I do not now feel any difficulty in moving in our Society - I may think differently - We must stand upon an integrity - not yield our convictions of duty - nor withhold our influence to build up the truth or to expose & suppress error - Be free - Said a retailer of rum "when he ceased to sell" I have got a load off my shoulders & now I feel free - I have suffered long - but I will be free - What did G. say to my letter? Does he not relax?
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Anti Slavery Rooms

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Why sh^d we quarrel with the Mass. Socy? G. is not the Socy. his paper is the organ for the year - as the music don't now suit us when the year is out. we must get a new one or another organist. That is all - Bro^r F. & F. protested ag^t the playing - so have I - so do you - so let others & when the year comes round let us tell the M. Socy. that they shall be reformed or we will be off. Of what use of the Board, as such, can we complain? Why blame the Socy. because she has a refractory member? She made a foolish bargain. & shall she break it?

content with so many years unrequited toil - so much wealth of
ready acquire^d or high living ^{is denied} 39
we must not lower an Standard - & all new comers must
come to it in spirit as well as letter - Blagden can't be there with
his wine down (just the word - steel-iron like) distinctions. without dipping
the Reward. Mirror. v. Crown. St. Can't be there - just now, even
Broken ridge of Baltimore is nearer to us -

Mary will say - "let us see how this goes on" - non-
committal will be preached from the pulpits - sleep on be
martin - till I am a pained conscience will be worn to tatters
Such have been in their "huts" a long time - in justice to them
we ought to avoid giving them any new pillow for conscience
I wish to have all such men brought up to the hilt - let
them be no chance for escape - with remonstrance & entreaty
affectionately & honestly & prayerfully poured upon them. bring
them in - Don't let us give them much chance for delay -

The word "Evangelical" must not be there - Why be sectarian
in letter - We form a new Orgⁿ - become we don't like the
old - let those who like the new come in - ^{rather than the old} Many will
come who don't like the violence, &c. &c. for a thousand years
in the old, who w^d not & c^d not come under that word
and I think I see too a faint image of the Presb doctrine
that the Ch. as such, must do all these things - "No valun
tary Sautin by & bye, will be the result. I think it will
not be difficult to have the world understand why we come off
& go by ourselves even if we take Am. Court as it is -

My dear Sir, I do not write for the pulp & upon the prin
ciples held in my letter to Garrison I cannot consent to occupy
the public mind in plan of Slave - I regret any strip has
commoned by Spectator & Lib. & now I suppose 1/4 of each
paper will be lost in this - Do pray insist upon having
all this stop - The Spectator ought to stand aloof if w^d be true to
the Slave - I wish all would cease all reply to Lib. & let G
fight on as he pleases alone - we praise praise most pugnacious
Let us all stop - a fresh breeze will fill the old canvass - the storm
over - our cargo of 3,000,000 will urge us all to pull for freedom port

dictation, if we like Mr G. support his paper - if Mr. Porter
or Leavitt support him - Stand out from the errors of Abolitionists
just as we do of others - May not this be done? I can
stop the Lib. & take some other paper which will give
me the progress of the cause, with less that is objectionable
I can meet all sects at our public meetings as brethren
in this cause, but because I meet ^{them} as such, it does not follow
that I am to "abolish" my religious faith & practice, or
submit to hear a lecture in my own parlour upon them -
When we cannot cooperate upon their terms I fear we
shall be poor helpers to the slave -

If, however, the Lib. is to be the organ of the Am. Soc.
& Mr G. is to go on as he pleases - being the trusty
& only pure Abolitionist - both in his own opinion & that of
the Socy - he to serve us up with his own liking & taste & mixed
with dishes on Peace, Sab. Ordinance, Ministry, Gov. Morals
Philosophy, &c. - Why then the sooner we are under a broader
canopy & in a purer atmosphere the better -

The principal trouble, I see in a new organization
is that it is a seceding from the old & shall be in
danger from two sources - from the opposition of the old
& from too many "buts" & "not too fast" "not quite so hard" of
we shall find it difficult too to gain conviction of colour & people & shall
so many new friends - We shall stand out before
the world as the "moderator" "the judicious" "the exclusives"
& we shall be expected to American-union - i. e. do nothing
or to do something so prettily that no one will take
offence - or even profit - But wh^d we gain many to our
cause? & who w^d come? We do not want the "but" - not
so fast - gentry - There is something more than a "but" ~~it~~
the way - the heart is not in it - the poor col^d man is
not a brother except in the negro - few part of his heart -
the cause is not loved. The slave holds not more prayers
& pity than the slave - "pity some way can't be contrived to
arrange this so that all his property sh^d not be sacrificed"
"What! make him poor!" Did he ever say - pity the master is not

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Bro Phelps. I am in great distress about our course & the present schism. There seem to be two modes of operation before us. The Lord give us wisdom to choose. One is to stand aloof from the Liberator. & make use of Emancipator Spectator, or some other paper as an organ. Remain just as we are in connection with the Mass. Socy. & go on with all our operations independant of the Liberator. Let the Lib. & Mr G. stand, as to us, just as either of the Whig papers with its Editor does to the Whig cause. Let Mr G. alone & his paper & sentiments alone - let all of course take his paper, who like it, whose sentiments & course can go with him - let all others drop it. -

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The other mode is to form a new organization, come off entirely from the present & rally under the broad banner of the Am. Socy. - Now let us look for a moment at this plan.

In either case we must stop the war. We have ^{nothing} paper or mind to spare for a contest as to creeds - this is all an old story. stale wit. useless jargon - if abolitionists are determined to look into these things - instead of spending time & strength to dispute anew, we had ^{rather} reprint some of the old books, sermons, discourses &c. &c. of the old wars. they'll do the thing much better than our new discussions & their quaintness will keep us in good humor. But let us see how we can operate. The Mass. Socy. free from the Lib. will be without an organ. It must hereafter have none. & the Agts. & Board & members, will make use of just such organs of communication with the pub. as they please. Unless we all forget our sectarian sores, we shall have strife about officers, Agts. &c. &c. without end - just as ^{the} Whigs ^{we? be with} would if they supposed their creeds to be worn the all absorbing ^{criticize} ~~qualification~~ for office. I think we can forget & forgive, as soon as we get one more glimpse of the poor slave in his chains, with his imploring eye turned in his despair to us. All we have to do to go on as we are, harmoniously & with effect, is to cut ourselves in good faith & conscience - act up to our own views of duty in this cause as in others, cutting down faith - be independant - neither dictate nor suffer